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SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA

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MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Office Memorandum • RUN 12-22-57

GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 12-22-57

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGETime of call 5:50 PM
12-21-57

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Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Trotter	_____
Nease	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

SA [REDACTED], New York Office, was instructed to furnish the information regarding [REDACTED] to the New York City Police. They were also instructed to advise the Miami Division to furnish the information received there to the Dade County Sheriff's Office and New York also is to furnish this information to the New York City Police.

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Date: 12/24/57

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (92-78)

RE: ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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Reurairtel 12/19/57.

There is no General Sherman Hotel in Atlanta or Atlanta area. Investigation reflects N.Y. interest purchased in recent months, The Henry Grady & Briarcliff Hotel, Atlanta. Efforts being made to determine if [REDACTED] or captioned subject connected in instant purchase of Atlanta Hotels.

New York requested to recontact [REDACTED] NYCPD, in an effort to verify General Sherman Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. information. Investigation continuing.

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- 3- New York (92-659)
- (94-419)-Sub # 5)
- 2- Atlanta

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____

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FBI

Date: 12/23/57

Transmit the following message via AIRTELAIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-1273)
RE: ALBERT ANASTASIA;
GI IF.

[REDACTED] b7c b7D

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] On basis information, a check made in vicinity Sahara Motel, 18135 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles, developed that directly opposite thereto was a new shopping center which extends for entire city block. In center of shopping center is located the Community Barber Shop at 18186 Collins Ave. [REDACTED] b7c

An examination of instant barber shop reflects there is no rear room or upstairs wherein any person could hide out. However, directly behind shopping center area there is located an apartment building containing eight, one bedroom apartments at the address 18126 Atlantic Boulevard. This apartment building only building located behind shopping center.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

Transmit the following message via _____

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

MM 62-1273

[REDACTED] J. A. Cantor Real Estate, 1451 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami, advised that new shopping center wherein barber shop located and apartment building previously mentioned were owned by J. A. Cantor. [REDACTED] made available leases for that building, but names of the lessees of the apartments did not appear of any significance, and it was noted all had occupied their apartments for some period of time. Apartment #3 has been vacant since 12/1/57, when the previous occupants moved out. [REDACTED] verified that the Community Barber Shop [REDACTED]

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Additional contact had with [REDACTED]

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The results of above telephonically furnished Assistant Director ROSEN same date.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions received 12/21/57, SA [REDACTED] telephonically furnished details of above to [REDACTED] Dade County Sheriff's Office [REDACTED], at 10:15 PM, same date.

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In absence request for additional investigation, case being considered closed.

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To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI

ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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Re New York airtel 12/13/57.

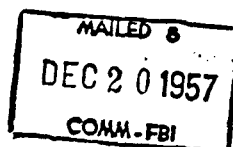
Expedite investigation requested in reairtel
and advise Bureau as soon as results obtained.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Boardman *W*
12-19-57

DATE: December 18, 1957

FROM : A. Rosen *R*SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

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With further reference to the check that is being made by the Miami Office with reference to the above-entitled matter, the following is submitted.

SAC Williams states that they have been checking on the barber shop and it is located in the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office in Dade County. It is a new area.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The barber shop is so situated that you could look directly through it to the rear and no one could have occupied any area in the rear of the barber shop. However, there is a wooden fence separating the rear of the barber shop from a new apartment building immediately adjoining. It is situated on a new street which has just been opened and a check of the apartments indicates that nothing of significance is known of any of the tenants with the exception of one, which appears to be an apartment occupied by the Fontaine Racing Account

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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With reference to the other occupants they are also going to check with the large rental agency that built and maintains the apartment. The apartment, it is also noted, is separated by one vacant lot from a canal which runs immediately behind it.

J. A. Cantor Associates is the real estate outfit maintaining the apartment, and Miami states that they believe them to be reputable. They

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
Re: Albert Anastasia
General Investigative Intelligence File

have been there for a number of years, and Miami plans to check the leases for the various apartments to determine whether any information of significance can be developed.

I told Williams to make these checks of the leases, and to follow up on the reinterview of [REDACTED] to see if he has come up with any additional information and that after these checks are made, we will then decide what further action would be taken. *b7c*

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On 12-19, New York has been telephonically advised that Bureau authority to turn this matter over to New York City Police Department denied at this time. New York has been instructed to conduct further discreet inquiry regarding [REDACTED]. It was suggested that available employment records at Idlewild Airport be checked. New York was told to furnish further identifying data regarding [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] New York was also instructed to telephonically apprise Chicago regarding this matter and to have them identify [REDACTED].

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 31, 1957

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

On December 26, 1957, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted the office of the Legat, Havana. He advised that he and [REDACTED] were in Havana for the purpose of gathering material to write a series of articles on the activities of hoodlums and gamblers in Havana. [REDACTED] said that they would attempt to ascertain the tie-up between the Cuban Government and the American hoodlum element that has moved into Havana. [REDACTED] indicated further that they were attempting to develop information concerning the reasons for the murder of ALBERT ANASTASIA and the identities of the individuals behind this murder. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that in the event they should develop any information which would be of value to the Bureau, he would advise the office of the Legat.

Two extra copies of this letter have been prepared for the Bureau file captioned "ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE G.I.F., ANTI-RACKETEERING."

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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JAN 4 1958

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Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Mr. Clayton _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

URGENT 1-4-58 2-12 AM GPU

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC DALLAS

FROM SAC NEW YORK

ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE. REDL TEL ONE THREE LAST.

Unless Advised to contrary by Bureau

UACB NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF DALLAS. NYCPD ADVISED

RE PROSPECTIVE TRAVEL OF [REDACTED]

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DO. MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Mr. Rosen

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 12-17-57 3-01 PM MTR

TO DIRECTOR 1

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

ALBERT ANASTASIA, GIIF. REMIAMI TEL TO NY THIS DATE. FOLLOWING INFO
WAS FURNISHED BY MIAMI OFFICE IN RETEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MIAMI OFFICE ADVISED NO
ACTION BEING TAKEN AND ABOVE INFO TO BE FURNISHED DADE COUNTY
SHERIFF-S OFFICE DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH NEXT UAC BY NY. NYO REQUESTS
AUTHORIZATION TO FURNISH INFO TO NYCPD.

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JAN 14 1958

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Rosen to Mr. Boardman
12-17-57
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at 12
65 JAN 17 1958 *[Signature]*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *12/18/57*

DATE: 12/18/57

FROM : A. ROSEN *f*SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

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Gandy	_____

With reference to the information from Miami relative to Anastasia, I called SAC John Williams to ascertain developments to date.

He stated they had recontacted [REDACTED]

I asked Williams if he had any knowledge concerning the present activities of [REDACTED]

ACTION BEING TAKEN

I told Williams to keep after this matter to see if anything further could be developed and that he should call me back concerning developments. Williams stated they were checking in the area of the barbershop; that this location was in the Sunny Isles part of Miami Beach and they were at the present time trying to see what could be developed. He will call later.

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FBI

Date: 1/7/58

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-180)

ALBERT ANASTASIA
GIIF - TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Reference is made to previous communications from this office furnishing information re allegation of the location of the murderers of ALBERT ANASTASIA which information, pursuant to Bureau authority in New York teletype dated 12/21/57, was furnished to [REDACTED] Dade County Sheriff's Office, Miami, Fla.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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2 - New York (AM)
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17 JAN 8 1958

Approved: *[Signature]*

64 JAN 17 1958 Special Agent in Charge

Per *[Signature]*

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[REDACTED]

A check of the indices of the Miami Division failed to develop any information concerning [REDACTED]

As a matter of cooperation with Dade County Sheriff's Office, New York is requested to furnish any available background information concerning [REDACTED]

WILLIAMS

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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3/6/58

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In this regard, former SA [REDACTED] indicated on February 27, 1958, that he had heard a rumor that Anastasia's murder had nothing to do with Cuban gambling activities. According to the rumor, Anastasia was murdered by the "Irish gang" in New York City as a result of an argument over the control of the waterfront.

ALBERT G. VAUGHAN, Officer in Charge of the local Immigration and Naturalization Service Office in Havana, who has insisted that his identity remain confidential in this matter, advised on March 6, 1958, that the exclusion of MEYER LANSKY from Cuba by Cuban Minister of Interior SANTIAGO REY was caused by pressure brought to bear on Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA by American Ambassador EARL E. T. SMITH and Assistant Attorney General TOMPKINS. He said that TOMPKINS came to Cuba ostensibly in connection with the Neutrality Act investigation of [REDACTED] but that he "got together" with Ambassador SMITH and together they influenced President BATISTA to instruct SANTIAGO REY that LANSKY should be excluded from Cuba. (S-1) (X) declared per INS letter dated 6/24/56

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Havana 94-13

3/6/58

Mr. VAUGHAN said that Ambassador SMITH was supposedly the only American in Cuba who knew that this had transpired but that he (VAUGHAN) had learned it from TOMPKINS because of a close personal friendship that he has with TOMPKINS. According to VAUGHAN, TOMPKINS believed that by forcing LANSKY out of Cuba and back to the United States, enough bad publicity could be brought to bear on LANSKY to make him "tell what he knows about the Anastasia murder." (S-1) (X)(u)

The Office of the Legal Attache, Havana, has noticed a recent development of a strong reluctance to furnish information on the part of some important American gamblers who previously had been developed to the point where they were willing to furnish some information to this office. Based on the information set forth above from [REDACTED], it would appear that these gamblers have received information from high Cuban officials that the American Embassy was behind MEYER LANSKY's exclusion from Cuba. (S-1) (X)(u)

The Legal Attache, Havana requests that the information furnished by Mr. VAUGHAN not be revealed to anyone outside the Bureau since it would jeopardize the source. In the event the Bureau desires to make available the information furnished by [REDACTED] concerning the comments made to him by high Cuban officials, [REDACTED] identity should not be revealed. (S-1) (X)(u)

Sufficient extra copies of this letter have been prepared so that the Bureau may forward copies to New York and Miami Offices for captioned file as well as files on MEYER LANSKY and [REDACTED]. For that purpose six copies are furnished the Bureau, and in addition four copies are furnished for New York as well as three copies for Miami (Information).

Hotel Files \$500,000 Suit Against Anastasia Barber

The Park Sheraton Hotel, which recently was defeated in the courts in its attempt to break the lease of the ground-floor barber shop in which mobster Albert Anastasia was murdered, has brought suit against barber shop owner Arthur Grasso for \$500,000 damages, it was disclosed yesterday in Supreme Court.

The hotel corporation charged that Grasso violated a "good conduct" clause in his lease by "soliciting" the business of known underworld characters, including Anastasia, who was gunned to death in a barber chair last Oct. 25.

The hotel named an alternative judgment for the court to con-

sider: forfeiture of the lease and \$12,000 damages.

The suit came to light when Grasso's attorney, Lee Kotler of 55 Chambers St., filed a petition for dismissal of the complaint on the ground it contained too few facts to constitute a legal claim.

A hearing on the petition was scheduled for next Wednesday.

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The Worker _____
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Date APR 4 1958

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/17/58

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (92-139)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GIIF

Re New York airtel to Bureau 12/16/57.

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According to a news release in 1939, JOHN MELITO was indicted with 67 men and one woman for conspiracy to defraud the Federal Government of alcohol taxes approximating five million dollars through maintenance of 12 unregistered stills in Utica and vicinity over a five and one-half year period. In June, 1939, MELITO was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government of internal revenue taxes and sentenced to prison for a term of one year and one day and fined \$1,000.00. He was paroled March 13, 1940. In a news release dated 1/9/39, JOHN MELITO was described by Assistant District Attorney JOSEPH as the "front" man for JOSEPH and SALVATORE FALCONE, alleged leaders of the still ring.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-419-Subfile 5)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA, wa. (Deceased)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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It is to be further noted that recently District Attorney HOGAN, NY County, issued a wanted notice for questioning of [REDACTED] HOGAN indicated he wanted to talk to [REDACTED] concerning the murder of ALBERT ANASTASIA. Based upon this, the information that [REDACTED] was in NYC was furnished to [REDACTED], NYCPD. On 2/13/57, [REDACTED] telephonically advised the NYO that DA HOGAN's men picked up [REDACTED] and he appeared before the NY County Grand Jury on 2/12/57. Results of [REDACTED] interrogation by HOGAN not known to the NYO. NYO maintain contact with [REDACTED] NYCPD, and will follow closely. REC-61 1-2-58, NY. 100-2-25-1-7

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1 - Miami (Info)

3 - New York (94-419-Subfile 5)

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Date: 2/13/58

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Bureau is requested to furnish one copy of
this airtel to Legal, Havana, for information purposes.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Date: 2, 27, --

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-419sub5)
SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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Re NY airtel to Bureau, dated 11/19/57.

Information [REDACTED] was in NYC was furnished to the NYCPD as they were vitally interested in connection with the death of ANASTASIA..

[REDACTED] questioned by District Attorney's Office on 2/24/58, and is to appear before NY County Grand Jury on 3/3/58.

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- 2 - Los Angeles (62-3157)
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- 2 - Phoenix
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- 1 - New York (94-419sub5)

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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

NY 94-419sub5

[REDACTED]

The New Orleans Office is requested to check the name [REDACTED] through the office indices and furnish background concerning [REDACTED] to the NYO.

The Phoenix Office is requested to ascertain if [REDACTED] has an arrest record in Phoenix and will immediately furnish results of this check to the NYO.

NYO following and will report.

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Office Memorandum

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.S GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 6, 1958

FROM Legat, Havana (94-13)

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SUBJECT:

ALBERT ANASTASIA, wa. (Deceased)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

FOI/PA # 255 3/52
APPEAL #
CIVIL # 12356
E.C. # 12356
DATE 7/3/85 INITIALS

Reference New York airtel to Bureau dated February 13, 1958, setting forth information furnished by [REDACTED]

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DATE 7/15/82 BY SP4/ajg/ajg

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-15-58

FROM : J. Edgar Hoover, MIAMI (92-180)

SUBJECT:

ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
GIFF - TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE*bc*
Re MM airtel to Director dated 1-7-58, and MM letter to NY dated 1-7-58.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation for Miami, this matter being considered RUC.

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2-New York (AM) (94-919, Sub #5)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: May 9, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE *GA*

SUBJECT:

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SAC Powers called from New York and stated that yesterday he had received an inquiry from [REDACTED] Associated Press concerning a report from Naples that the FBI had asked the Italian Police to locate Sonny Pinto (ph.) in connection with the Anastasia murder and that he had said that he had no comment to make.

U.S. - Italy - Alien
Today, "The New York Post" ran an article on the Anastasia case pointing out that Pinto is believed to be identical with Carmine Di Biase and referred to the report from Italy that the Italian Police had been asked to locate Pinto. It quotes Powers as denying that Federal agents had entered the case and that he had refused to comment on whether the FBI was looking for anyone on another case in Italy. *U.S.*

Powers stated he has not talked to the Post or anyone else other than the Associated Press and his only reply had been "no comment."

cc-Mr. Boardman
cc-Mr. Rosen
cc-Mr. Jones
GAN:jmr *gan*
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(To be used in lieu of correspondence covering evidence submissions to the L. F. P. S.)

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Victim [REDACTED] Accepted By [REDACTED]

Offense UNSUBS; ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM L. F. P. S. # 11502 b7c

Place and date MURDER

Suspects

Named suspect:

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Reference No: 62-98011-73
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Latent Case No: 11502

Received: 1-3-63/ [REDACTED]

Answer to: Bureau

Bureau

Examination requested by:

Copy to:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ALBERT ANASTASIA- VICTIM
MURDER

Date of reference communication: Telephonically requested by SA [REDACTED]
Specimens: [REDACTED] 1-3-63.

Named suspect: [REDACTED] b7c

Result of examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]
Evidence noted by:

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12-14-62 b7c

Delivered by [REDACTED] Date 12-14-62

Victim UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Accepted By [REDACTED]

Offense ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM

L. F. P. S. #

Place and date MURDER

Suspects

[REDACTED]

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SA

Copy to:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM
MURDER

Date of reference communication:

Telephonically requested by SA

Specimens:

Division 9,

Named suspect:

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Evidence noted by:

Latent fingerprint - not a

SA telephonically advised 9:45 AM

12/14/62

No written answer rec.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 7-18-74

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST CONCERNING
ALBERT ANASTASIA; VITO GENOVESE; NICOLA
GENTILE; CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, AKA;;
SALVATORE MARANZANO

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We propose furnishing the attached documents, including reports and public source material, concerning the following subjects to Alan Block, a historian at Alfred Univeristy, Alfred, New York:

Albert Anastasia (62-98011; 92-2573;
92-2567)
Vito Genovese (92-3759; 92-2709)
Nicola Gentile (92-7035)
Charles "Lucky" Luciano (39-2141;
31-44320) (ON MICRO FILM)

Names and identifying information on all individuals and businesses, other than subjects, have been deleted except in public source data.

No pertinent identifiable data was located concerning Salvatore Maranzano.

This request was initially coordinated with the Special Investigative Division.

Mr. Block has submitted the necessary deposit.

RECOMMENDATION:

That upon approval, the attached documents be returned to the Freedom of Information Act Unit, Legal Counsel, for completion of processing and transmittal to Block.

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Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
Attention: J. E. McHale; E. J. Sharp
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI - REPLIES)

SAC, New York (94-419Sub5)

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Director, FBI (62-98011)

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ALBERT ANASTASIA (Deceased)
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The New York "Daily News" of 3/27/69, carried an article on page three under the by-line of William Federici with the headline "Anastasia Suspect Seeks to Leave U. S."

The above article stated that the prime suspect in the 1959 gangland slaying of Anastasia had applied to the New York State Parole Board for permission to leave the United States. The alleged suspect, not named in the article, was said to have been paroled last year after nearly seven years in the Greenhaven prison for assault and robbery.

Through appropriate discreet contact of the New York State Parole Board determine the identity of the alleged suspect and advise the Bureau.

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Anastasia³ Suspect Seeks to Leave U.S.

By WILLIAM FEDERICI

The prime suspect in the gangland slaying of Mafia chieftain Albert Anastasia has applied to the State Parole Board for permission to leave the country.

According to Albany sources yesterday the suspect says his family is now living in Italy and he would like to join them. His application was made several months ago, a source revealed, but a decision has not been reached by the board.

Not Ready to Move In

The suspected killer of the Mad Hatter, as Anastasia was called, was paroled last year after serving nearly seven years in Greenhaven prison for assault and robbery.

Sources told THE NEWS that authorities were not yet in a position to move in on the suspect, but were keeping him under surveillance. It was said that he had been under "loose observation" since he was paroled.

Meanwhile, District Attorney Frank Hogan's investigation was accelerated yesterday as several more witnesses were questioned in the 1957 murder, which took place in the ground floor barber-shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel. Hogan reopened the case recently on the basis of major new developments.

A mystery man who recently gave strong corroborative statements to investigators was cred-

ited with giving Hogan's office the chance to bring the case before a grand jury.

"Solid" Witnesses

They have had three "solid eyewitnesses" able to identify the two killers, a source close to the investigation said.

It was also reported yesterday that on the first day of the questioning of witnesses, who include barbers, shoeshine men, a valet and a manicurist and several others subpoenaed by Hogan, one of them told a story that differed

from the one given right after the killing.

Investigation by both DA squad detectives and cops from Manhattan South Homicide over the last 11 years has revealed that at least two other gunmen were lurking in other locations near the barber-shop just in case the assigned pair missed. But they didn't. Anastasia was hit five times.

The four gunmen became known in the underworld as the "barber-shop quartet."

New information has been pouring into Hogan's office since it was learned that he had re-activated the case. According to one source, "it seems that more and more people are willing to talk now."

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Only Family Members at Brief Rites

Dockers Mourn At Funeral Home; Bodyguard Quizzed

By AL TURK,
Staff Writer.

With the ghosts of men he had ordered violently dispatched to eternity outnumbering mourners at his funeral, Albert Anastasia today was buried quietly and swiftly in Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery.

Only 14 members of the family of the former enforcer of Murder Inc., were at the graveside on a slight rise near 32nd St. and 5th Ave. as his body was committed to non-consecrated ground. He had died as he lived—by assassination—and the rites of the Catholic church had been denied him.

20-Minute Ceremony.

The entire ceremony took 20 minutes and the six-car cortege which had entered the cemetery at 25th St. and 5th Ave. where about 100 curbs had gathered, sped out by another exit. The funeral was in sharp contrast to other gangland burials.

No long lines of cars, no profusion of flowers. Mourners occupied four cars, trooped quietly to graveside by signal, repeated prayers led by a funeral director and just as silently returned to their autos.

When another Anastasia brother, Joseph, a dock hiring boss, died last year there was a mile-long cortege, \$15,000 in floral tributes and a burial casket worth \$6000.

\$900 Casket.

While a cold wind toppled floral pieces by the grave, Anastasia's plain \$900 casket

inclosed in a wooden box was lowered into the earth. The mourners each tossed a pink rose after it.

A high police official said it was one of the "quietest and quickest" gangster funerals he ever had seen.

Only four of the six cars carried mourners. One held the body, the other carried about a dozen floral offerings. Chauffeurs for the autos acted as pallbearers.

By contrast, there were nine vehicles transporting detectives, newspaper reporters and photographers and news reel men. These were stopped at the cemetery gate by police.

Press Barred.

Albert, 55, who was shot down last Friday, didn't like the press very much, by his brother's admission, and they were barred from his services. Even their view at the cemetery, from outside a fence, was cut off by forming a few large floral pieces as a shield.

Albert's wife, Elsa, was near collapse at the burial ceremony and was supported by her son, Albert Jr., 22. Earlier in the Andrew Torregrossa & Sons Funeral Home at 13th Ave. and 79th St., she had swooned after breaking into sobs.

The cortege left the funeral home at 9:50 a.m. after brief services there for the underworld kingpin said to have been responsible for the death of at least 63 men. In the procession also were Albert's brothers, Anthony (Tough Tony) and Gerardo.

Another brother, the Rev. Salvatore Anastasia, was not at the funeral. But spectators at the cemetery said they recognized him as the priest who had visited the grave and apparently prayed earlier in the morning.

The funeral parlor opened at 8 a.m. and received a steady stream of longshoremen in working attire who filed past the casket and paid their respects to Tony, Brooklyn dock boss. William Bradley, president of the International Longshoremen's Assn. (Ind.) and his general organizer, Thomas (Teddy) Gleason, were first to arrive. They left shortly thereafter.

400 at Funeral Home.

About 400 persons milled outside the funeral home, a handsome white cement building set on a terrace, and a dozen police kept the spectators in check. Angels on plaques under the roof eaves looked down on the scene.

While gangland's slain chief executioner thus was going to his reward police spurred their search for clues to his killers. At the same time, Anthony Coppola, bodyguard for the dead man, was acquitted of vagrancy charges on which he had been held in \$50,000 bail.

The charge against Coppola was dismissed in Manhattan Court and immediately he was taken in tow by detectives for another round of interrogation about last Friday's murder of his boss in the Park Sheraton Hotel barber shop.

Stories Conflict.

Much official attention centered on Coppola, the pudgy man who wasn't there when the man who hired him as a bodyguard was shot to death. Coppola, 49, had given conflicting stories as to his whereabouts when his boss was killed. He was described as "uncooperative" by police.

Police feel Coppola could be of aid if he would talk because they said they know he has been present at meetings between Anastasia and other gangsters.

Meanwhile, Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett said it has been established the two guns police found Friday after the slaying were the murder guns, but were connected to no other crimes and bore no fingerprints.

It was also learned the shop

Other Killings.

Fat, flashy Moretti, a close pal of Costello and Anastasia, had been blabbing loud and long to a New Jersey grand jury shortly before four gunmen silenced him in a lunchroom at Cliffside Park, Oct. 4, 1931.

Scalise, a lieutenant of Charles (Lucky) Luciano, exiled dope king, was shot dead outside a Bronx fruit store June 17—a few days after he conferred with federal narcotics agents and FBI men.

Costello was shot in the head May 2, but only slightly wounded. Detectives investigating this murder attempt learned that the elder statesman of mobdom had been discussing gangland business with an outsider, who repeated Costello's revelations to federal officers.

Costello Rumor.

When Anastasia was slain last Friday morning in the barber shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel, a rumor circulated that the killing was in reprisal for the Costello shooting. But, those who knew Anastasia from the bloody days of Murder Inc. promptly discarded this report.

"If Albert A. had wanted Costello out of the way, Costello would be dead," one police official commented. "Albert's boys didn't bungle a job."

A more plausible theory is that both Costello and Anastasia were the targets of younger, up-and-coming goons who believe the old-time overlords of the underworld have gone soft with time and prosperity.

Call to Cook.

This theory was strengthened by a telephone call to the World-Telegram and Sun from a tough-talking man who asked to speak with crime reporter Fred J. Cook.

"You remember I called you last spring right after Costello was shot and you printed a warning we issued to Anastasia not to butt in?" the anonymous caller asked.

"Yes," said Mr. Cook.

"Well, we're giving another warning now," the caller said.

in which Anastasia met his death would be closed for a few days. The hotel said it had attracted too many sightseers.

While police appeared to be up against a blank wall as to who, several well-informed police sources theorized as to the why of the killing. Anastasia was executed because like other gang chieftans before him, rival mobsters feared he was about to break the underworld code of silence, they believed.

These sources pointed out that Anastasia had been questioned several times in recent months by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other federal investigators. His last session with the government sleuths was about three weeks ago.

United States Attorney Paul Williams and his assistants grilled the former boss of Murder, Inc., about labor racketeering. And the Senate labor rackets committee planned to haul him in as a witness.

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Costello was shot in the head May 2, but only slightly wounded. Detectives investigating this murder attempt learned that the elder statesman of mobdom had been discussing gangland business with an outsider, who repeated Costello's revelations to federal officers.

Costello Rumor.

When Anastasia was slain last Friday morning in the barber shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel, a rumor circulated that the killing was in reprisal for the Costello shooting. But, those who knew Anastasia from the bloody days of Murder Inc. promptly discarded this report.

"If Albert A. had wanted Costello out of the way, Costello would be dead," one police official commented. "Albert's boys didn't bungled a job."

A more plausible theory is that both Costello and Anastasia were the targets of younger, up-and-coming goons who believe the old-time overlords of the underworld have gone soft with time and prosperity.

Call to Cook.

This theory was strengthened by a telephone call to the World-Telegram and Sun from a tough-talking man who asked to speak with crime reporter Fred J. Cook.

"You remember I called you last spring right after Costello was shot and you printed a warning we issued to Anastasia not to butt in?" the anonymous caller asked.

"Yes," said Mr. Cook.

"Well, we're giving another warning now," the caller said.

In which Anastasia met his death would be closed for a few days. The hotel said it had attracted too many sightseers.

While police appeared to be up against a blank wall as to who, several well-informed police sources theorized as to the why of the killing. Anastasia was executed because like other gang chieftans before him, rival mobsters feared he was about to break the underworld code of silence, they believed.

These sources pointed out that Anastasia had been questioned several times in recent months by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other federal investigators. His last session with the government sleuths was about three weeks ago.

United States Attorney Paul Williams and his assistants grilled the former boss of Murder, Inc., about labor racketeering. And the Senate labor rackets committee planned to haul him in as a witness.

The Anastasia rubout followed the same pattern as the gangland executions of Willie Moretti and Frank Scalise and the bungled attempt on the life of Frank Costello. All of these top gangsters were marked for death because rivals feared they were leaking underworld secrets.

"This time we're telling Frankie—and I don't mean Cosgello—not to interfere. And we're not fooling."

"Whom do you mean by Frankie?"

"Frankie C., but it's not Costello. That's all."

And the mysterious caller hung up. The phone call came while Anastasia's body was still warm on the barbershop floor. The same caller—or someone who sounded just like him—contacted Mr. Cook only two hours after Costello was shot. At that time, he warned: "If Albert or Freddie steps in, they'll get it, too."

Meanwhile, other detective squads scoured the city for a number of top-echelon hoodlums who have been conspicuously absent from their usual haunts since Anastasia was chopped down.

Among those sought for questioning is Anthony (Tony Bender) Strollo, mob boss of Greenwich Village. Strollo has not been seen for a week or more.

Police believe the two gunmen who gave Anastasia a lethal dose of his own medicine were imported to New York from another city, possibly Philadelphia. Their descriptions have been sent to every law enforcement agency in the nation.

'A Little Headway.'

Chief Inspector Thomas Nielson told reporters last night: "I think we're making a little headway in the case."

He refused to elaborate on this comment, however.

Anastasia's chauffeur-bodyguard, Anthony Coppola, 49, is held in \$50,000 bail on a technical charge of vagrancy.

Among other things, police are trying to find out why he wasn't with his boss at the time of the murder. Coppola has told conflicting stories concerning his activities last Friday, police say.

THREE-STAR EXTRA

Victor Riesel

10/28/57

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The punishment fit the crime today for the Lord High Executioner of Murder, Inc. Albert Anastasia was laid to rest in a grim little cemetery on the outskirts of New York, and there were very few mourners. As a matter of fact, the caravan of newspapermen and newspaper photographers outnumbered the number of mourners.

But back in New York there was considerable activity, because it was learned that Albert Anastasia--the man who was reputed to have killed sixty-one people, or directed their murder--was under investigation again by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agents had been grilling him for some three weeks at the direction of crusading U.S. Attorney Paul Williams.

ST RASSEL
Last Tuesday, Three-Star Extra learned, Paul Williams brought together a new Grand Jury and told them that one of the men he was going after was Anastasia. This was about the time that the underworld was getting mighty weary of the Lord High Executioner. For almost five years they had been urging him to retire. For five years they considered him a liability, and in the opinion of the most informed men in the Federal Government, it was this effort to dispatch Anastasia, to keep from new scandals breaking around that famous name--that name that was synonymous with violence--that finally led the underworld to hit him.

Most of the Barons of the underworld are now mighty wealthy. They want no attention. They know that everytime a scandal breaks the Treasury Agents come down upon them, accountants rip their books wide open, the police drag them in, and soon everybody knows their business. This time they decided to dispatch Anastasia before the scandal broke. e

This is Victor Riesel.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 10-29-57

FROM : C. A. Evans *L*SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA

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This is submitted in connection with the Director's inquiry concerning a statement in an article published in the 10-29-57 "New York Herald Tribune" to the effect that Anastasia, who was killed in gangland fashion last Friday, had been questioned by FBI Agents within the last three weeks. Anastasia was interviewed only on one occasion by Bureau Agents and this was on 9-12-57.

We have checked with ASAC E. J. McCabe of the New York Division who in turn checked with the Newark Division inasmuch as Anastasia resided in Palisade, New Jersey and McCabe advised that Anastasia had been interviewed by Bureau Agents on only one occasion. This interview took place on 9-12-57. The interview was conducted in the office of [redacted] and lasted for approximately thirty minutes. Anastasia was interviewed with reference to his connection with the Madison Dress Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Anastasia admitted that he had owned a 50% interest in this company since 1948 but that he had not participated in the operation of the company and that the company was operated by [redacted]

This interview was conducted in connection with an Anti-Racketeering investigation which was requested by Assistant United States Attorney Charles H. Miller of the Southern District of New York on 7-22-57. Investigation was completed in a report submitted by the Newark Division on 9-20-57, which is the report incorporating the interview with Anastasia. The case is now pending a decision of the United States Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York.

We have also secured the details of comments made by Victor Riesel on the "Three-Star Extra" news program over National Broadcasting Company on 10-28-57. In this broadcast, Riesel stated that Anastasia was under investigation by the FBI and Agents had been grilling him for some three weeks at the direction of crusading United States Attorney Paul Williams.

The statement by Riesel is not accurate since we interviewed Anastasia only on one occasion and this interview was 50 minutes a half hour in length. ASAC McCabe checked with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]

*into allegations the company had "paid off" union representatives and racketeers

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

Miller of the Southern District of New York who advised that Anastasia had not been interviewed at all by the United States Attorney's office.

Riesel also said in his broadcast that Williams had brought together a new grand jury and told him that one of the men he was going after was Anastasia; that the underworld had considered Anastasia a liability and for almost five years had been urging him to retire. Riesel further indicated in his broadcast that Anastasia was killed to keep new scandals from breaking out since such scandals caused Treasury Agents and the police to intensify action against the underworld.

It is noted that the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York which has been hearing witnesses with regard to Anti-Racketeering matters in the garment industry expired last summer and the United States Attorney's office impaneled a new grand jury on 10-22-57. This new grand jury is also to hear witnesses regarding Anti-Racketeering matters. Little public notice was taken of the fact that this new grand jury was impaneled and no information has been received that it was to be concerned with Anastasia's affairs.

2:55pm 10/26/57
Sullivan
NYC advised
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Jail Haven Disdained By Coppola Anastasia's Aid Due to Post Bail

By Milton Lewis

Anthony Coppola was held in \$50,000 bail late yesterday as a material witness because authorities feared he would suffer the same bloody fate as Alvin Karpis.

"I have seen walks out. It may very well be the beginning of open warfare by the hoodlums in this city," Alexander Herman, assistant district attorney in charge of the homicide bureau, warned in General Sessions.

Judge Abraham N. Geller agreed with the prosecutor, for he fixed the high bond for Coppola, forty-nine, Anastasia's "coffee sergeant." But Joseph Panzer, Coppola's counsel, predicted that the bail would be posted within a day or two. As for the \$5-foot, 150-lb., 300-pound Coppola, he bragged, "There's nothing on earth I fear."

"I haven't an enemy in the world," Coppola insisted to the court. "And I thought Mr. Anastasia hadn't any either. I was just a friend of his. May God give mercy on his soul wherever he is!"

Earlier yesterday Anastasia, continued on page 14

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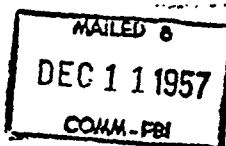
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mation in reairtel furnished to NYC PD.

All offices furnish Bureau with any
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DATE: 12/13/57

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub 5)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MIAMI 1P

ALBERT ANASTASIA, GIIF. [REDACTED]

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ATLANTIC DRIVE APT. BUILDING AND SHOPPING CENTER OWNED BY J. A. CANTOR
AND THAT COMMUNITY BARBER SHOP LOCATED IN SHOPPING CENTER, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ON BASIS ORIGINAL INFO., IF ACCURATE, COMMUNITY
BARBER SHOP IS ONLY BARBER SHOP LOCATED OPPOSITE SAHARA MOTEL.
NO FURTHER DEVELOPEMENTS ANTICIPATED OR INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED
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day that Anastasia was one of the subjects of a new Federal racket grand jury sworn in last week and that the gangster had been questioned by F. B. I. agents within the last three weeks.

Anastasia's funeral — small, simple and inexpensive — had none of the pomp that so often has marked a gangland funeral. His fellow mobsters stayed away. Aside from police, newspapermen, funeral director's crew and grave diggers, some fifteen family members were the only persons present.

He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in South Brooklyn in a \$900 coffin in unconsecrated ground and without final absolution of the Roman Catholic Church. His spot in the graveyard looks out through an iron fence at the very neighborhood in which he began his gangster career more than thirty years ago.

The family, which includes a brother, Salvatore, a Roman priest, had not sought posthumous atonement for Anastasia. It was assumed the family knew the request would be denied because of his way of life and that he died unrepentant.

Family in Parlor

The funeral was held from Parlor C, up one flight of stairs in Andrew Torregrassa's funeral parlor at 1205 79th St., Brooklyn. Just before 10 a. m., family members gathered around the open coffin in prayer. The widow, Elsa, sobbed convulsively and nearly collapsed. She was helped to a chair by her son, Albert Jr.

Father Anastasia prayed over his brother in Parlor C and two rosaries were placed over

the dead man's hands. The priest did not, however, go to the cemetery. At the grave, a small crucifix was placed on the coffin, which was lowered at 10:40 a. m.

The official funeral cortege consisted only of one care for flowers, the hearse, and four cars for relatives.

It was learned that among those who went to Parlor C Sunday evening was Little Angie Pisano, one of Anastasia's gangster associates. Two early morning visitors yesterday were Capt. William V. Bradley and

Thomas W. Gleason, president and general organizer, respectively, of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Asked if he and Anastasia were friends, Capt. Bradley replied, "No comment."

Is there anything to this?

Thomas W. Gleason
President
b7c



A WIDOW WEEPS — Albert Anastasia, widow of the slain gangster, after the funeral yesterday.



SON AT FUNERAL — Albert Anastasia jr., son of the slain man, leaving funeral home yesterday.



Herald Tribune—Rosenberg
Held in \$50,000 bail as material witness — Anthony Coppola, Albert Anastasia's bodyguard, at W. 54th St. police station yesterday.

From The Hall Syndicate, Inc.
342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York
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INSIDE LABOR

THE VICTOR RIESEL COLUMN

By Victor Riesel

Like all well run governments, the Mafia -- which gaily toasts itself in red wine as the "Second Government" -- has its Secretary of Labor. Or maybe several secretaries. Just who they are nobody yet knows.

But the FBI, the Senate racket-busting committee and the New York police noted quite a sprinkling of labor "experts" at the national convention of Mafia warlords in upper New York State last Thursday morning.

There were labor relations men. There were specialists in the garment and trucking fields. There were waterfront men. There were account executives who have deep connections with Teamster locals. There were overseers of the garbage business -- and even someone from the Hotel and Restaurant Union.

There were 65 men in all with intricate connections -- yet even we amateurs know that rarely if ever before have more than a dozen high Mafia chiefs met to make decisions.

By this time the Federals and some very hard working state and local gendarmerie have checked out most of these connections and they believe that the clan met to analyze their market and find out how much trouble they can expect in each business, in each district.

If they had met merely to cut up the territories of Albert Anastasia, the executed executioner, they would have called their top "judges" into a New York or New Jersey restaurant and that would have been it.

The boys gathered in the cool mountain air for poll taking on just how hard they were all being hit by the Senate rackets committee which now is winding its way through the Teamsters into all fields.

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Probe Racket Links of 9 Mafia Meeting Guests

BY HARRY ALTSHULER

Some of the prominent guests at last week's Mafia conclave are involved in the garment and trucking rackets, U.S. Attorney Williams declared yesterday.

His office is digging into the affairs of all nine, and has asked for the tax returns on all 65 who gathered at a hilltop hide-away in Apalachin, N. Y.

Murdered racket chief Albert Anastasia's interests also were linked to the garment rackets, Williams said. He has subpoenaed all Anastasia's business records, because the name "crops up prominently in reference to certain companies which have come under the scrutiny of this office," Williams disclosed.

UNTIL THE STATE Police said on the racketeers' conven-

tion at the palatial home of Joseph Barbara was actually under way, nobody had any idea what a bigtime operation it was. State Police Supt. Francis S. Garvey disclosed in Albany.

He okayed the manner in which Sgt. Edgar Croswell of the Vestal Barracks broke up the session, saying they "did the best they could under the circumstances." But he noted the sergeant approached it as a routine check of strangers coming into the area. "We had no idea it would develop as it did," he said.

"We never dreamed that a mob like this was out there in the mountains."

The guests—all of whom claimed they merely dropped by to visit their ill friend, Barbara—were released quickly. Among them was reputed racket kingpin Vito Genovese. "It would have been a good idea if we could have held them," McGarvey admitted, "but we had very little law."

"The important thing," he added, "was the exposure in the press."

THERE WERE ONLY four troopers in the original raiding force, he revealed. When Croswell realized what a major affair he had stumbled into, he called for help and 17 more troopers were sent in.

The nine under special scrutiny by Williams are Russell Buffalino, 54, of Kingston, Pa.;

Angelo Sclandro, 33, of Ephrata, Pa.; Natale J. Brolo, 50, of Bay Ridge, N.Y.; Joseph P. Carlo Gambino, 55, of 2240 Bowne Pkwy., Brooklyn, who works in a labor relations office; John Ornato, of 116 Audrey Dr., Lido Beach, L. I.; Joseph Profaci, 60, of 8863 15th Ave., Brooklyn; Joseph Riccobono, 53, of 181 Pelton Ave., Staten Island; Joseph Rosato, 53, of 84 81st St., Jackson Heights, Queens; and James Ostico, 44, of Pittston, Pa.

The fact that the nine men were present at the Upstate conclave confirms my original information as to how important they are, and it will result in a determined concentration of my investigation of their activities," Williams said. "That meeting has given fresh impetus to the racket investigation begun my me."

Some of the nine men have appeared as witnesses before the rackets grand jury, it was learned, though Williams would not comment on this.

WILLIAMS SAID he has between 40,000 and 50,000 cards naming individuals or companies involved—as racketeers or victims—in the garment and trucking situation. He is scanning the cards for leads on the Mafia peddlers. "I intend," he made clear, "to investigate every one of the 65 who live in my district."

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Mafia Met for Trial Of Anastasia Killers

Meeting Was Court Of Mobs

By MURRAY DAVIS
and PAUL MESSIL

World Telegram Staff Writers

The fate of the two gunmen who murdered Albert Anastasia was to be decided at last week's meeting of 65 Mafia mobsters in a hilltop mansion at Apalachin, N. Y., the World-Telegram and Sun learned exclusively today.

Investigators told this newspaper that the hoodlum conference, at first reported to be a board of directors' meeting of the national crime syndicate, actually was a special session of the dread Mafia supreme court, with life and death power over the underworld.

The court went to decide whether the Anastasia killers should be doomed to death or deportation.

Killers Known

The identities of the two hired killers were known to several of the Mafia leaders. Investigators have not yet determined whether any of the mobsters at the Apalachin meeting had ordered Big Al's death.

The Black Hand tribunal called into session because the Federal Bureau of Investigation had moved into the Anastasia investigation.

More than any other agency, the Mafia fears the FBI and it was afraid that G-men might unearth secrets of the mobbed triggermen who shot the old Murder Inc. boss out of a barbershop chair in the Park Sheraton Hotel on Oct. 25, 1950.

A final verdict was to be handed down at the meeting in Joseph Barbara's \$100,000 mansion atop a wooded hill outside Apalachin. But state troopers broke up the meeting before the gangland judges could decide the killers' fate.

Barbara, who once beat a murder rap, is listed in police files as an old-time "Black Hand." Born in Sicily, he became a rising power in the

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fifty-five, was laid to rest in a Brooklyn cemetery without final absolution from the Roman Catholic Church and with none of the fanfare that the underworld customarily grants its overlords.

Just about the time the "lord high executioner" of Murder, Inc., was being lowered into the grave, Coppola was acquitted in Manhattan Arrest Court on a vagrancy charge, on which he had been held since Sunday in lieu of \$50,000.

Coppola, who answers to "Cappy" and is no kin to the notorious "Trigger" Mike Coppola, evidently made not attempt to raise that original bail because he felt he could beat that vagrancy charge.

Barber Shop Shut

Anastasia was cut down from the rear by two gunmen at 10:20 a. m. Friday while being trimmed in the Park Sheraton barber shop, the locks of which were changed yesterday by the hotel and kept closed to the public.

A spokesman for the hotel, at Seventh Ave. and 55th St., said the shop will remain shut "until the conclusion of the (murder) investigation by the Police Department and the hotel management." The owner of the shop, Arthur Grasso, who rented it from the hotel, said he would sue to reopen it.

Coppola has been described by police as "a liar and uncooperative." He has told them that he was diagonally across the street from the Park Sheraton, having coffee, when Anastasia was executed.

But detectives insist that the prisoner, describing himself as unmarried, was withholding vital information about the case. He was lodged last night in the New York County Jail, 434 W. 37th St. He was badly in need of a shave.

Face "Same Fate"

"From what I have learned from police officials," Mr. Herman, head of homicide, advised the court, "I am convinced that this witness himself is in immediate danger of meeting the same fate as the subject of this investigation."

As he was brought to Mr. Herman's office, after he had been acquitted on the vagrancy charge and immediately picked up again, reporters asked the pudgy, gray-haired Coppola:

"Have you anything to say?"

"No, look what they're doing to me!"

"Do you have anything about it?"

"Absolutely not," he shouted back as he went through a revolving door.

More Time to Check

Police want more time to check out Coppola's story. He has been called Anastasia's bodyguard—which he vehemently denies—and he has told detectives that he had been scheduled to pick Anastasia up at the Park Sheraton at 11 a. m. Friday—forty minutes after his boss was slain.

Mr. Herman told the court that Coppola and Anastasia

had talked by telephone at 9 a. m. Friday. If the prosecutor knew what they talked about, he wasn't saying. Coppola complained that he had been questioned for more than four days.

Coppola has a home in Fairview, N. J., but he also maintained, for almost the last three months, a \$75-a-week room at the San Carlos Hotel, 150 E. 50th St. The management there said yesterday that he was paid up only until the end of this month—which is the day after tomorrow—and that he would not be invited to stay on, even assuming he wanted to and was out of jail.

"Lucky" Gambler

When asked by police where he got the money to pay \$75 a week hotel rental, Coppola said: "I play the horses and I gamble."

"You must be lucky," a detective said to him, to which he replied, "I do all right."

Asked if he ever did any work, Coppola said, "Yes, occasionally in a fish store in New Jersey—on Fridays and Thursdays."

Deputy Chief Inspector Edward W. Byrnes, in charge of West Side detectives, was asked how the investigation was going.

"I don't know of any motive yet," he said, "and without any motive you don't get a break. When you get a motive it narrows the field to the perpetrators. With an individual like him (Anastasia), you can think of a million and one motives, but I can't put my finger on any one of them."

Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett said that Coppola had been closely associated with Anastasia and had been with him on a number of occasions when notorious underworld characters were present. The chief added that there was much that Coppola could tell about Anastasia's financial deals "and such" that would be of "considerable help." The chief was eager to get hold of

Anastasia's books and records—if any.

The chief also revealed that Anastasia did not use his usual barber last Friday, since the one he preferred came in during the afternoon and worked a different chair. Anastasia had last been in the barber shop two or three days before the shooting. Chief Leggett said, and at that time he coffee with "a business man."

Tests of the two revolvers used in the slaying—they were found near the scene of the crime—showed they were "sterile," Chief Leggett said. This meant that they could not be linked to any other crime for which they definitely had not been used in the attempted assassination of mobster Frank Costello on May 2.

United States Attorney J. W. Williams confirmed yesterday

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CITY POLICE SEIZE 3 IN GANG MEETING

Brooklyn Men Are Released
After Questioning on
Anastasia Slaying

By EMANUEL PERLMUTTER

Three Brooklyn men who attended the underworld conclave last Thursday in Apalachin, N. Y., were taken into custody yesterday by the New York police. All of them were released late last night after almost eight hours of questioning.

Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm said earlier in the evening that they were being questioned about the murder of Albert Anastasia, New York racketeer. Anastasia was slain last month in a barber shop at the Park-Sheraton Hotel.

Mr. Arm explained that the three men had had contact with Anastasia.

Commissioner Arm said the men were apprehended as a result of "bits of information" gathered by Lieut. James Burke and Detective Thomas Fusco at Manhattan West Detective Headquarters. The two had been sent to Apalachin when the state police had raided the underworld meeting.

It was learned last night at Police Headquarters that a round-up of other men who attended the Apalachin meeting was under way here. The upstate meeting is generally believed by law-enforcement officials to have taken place as a result of the Anastasia slaying.

The three picked up yesterday were Joseph Profaci, 60 years old, of 8863 Fifteenth Avenue; Natale Evola, 50, 972 Bay Ridge Parkway, and Paul C. Castellano, 45, of 1737 East Twenty-third Street, all of Brooklyn. They were taken to Brooklyn Police Headquarters.

Evola and Castellano were released at 10:30 P. M. Evola left through a side entrance. Castellano ran out the main entrance on Sixth Avenue near Bergen Street and hailed a taxi.

Deputy Inspector John H. Gray, who has been supervising the investigation of the Anastasia slaying, went from Manhattan with several members of his squad to direct the questioning of the prisoners. Profaci is the owner of an

olive-oil distributing concern. Evola listed his occupation as the operator of a garment-distributing business. Castellano runs a meat market.

On Wednesday, United States Attorney Paul W. Williams said that Profaci and Evola figured in an investigation that his office was conducting on racketeering in the New York garment and tracking industries.

The Senate Crime Investigating Committee headed by Senator Estes Kefauver had characterized Profaci in 1951 as a leading figure in the nation's crime syndicate.

The Brooklyn police said last night that they had been unsuccessful in rounding up for questioning five more men from Brooklyn who had attended the Apalachin meeting.

They said the five were Carlo Gambino, 55, of 2230 Ocean Parkway; John Bonventre, 54, of 115 Cleveland Street; Joseph Bonanno, 52, of 1726 De Kalb Avenue; Armand Rava, 46, of 1730 Ocean Parkway, and Carmine Lombardizzi, 44, of 114 Stratford Road.

When picked up by the state police, Gambino had given his occupation as a labor relations consultant. Bonventre as a salesman, Rava as a restaurant owner and Lombardizzi as an attorney's trading corporation.

Bonanno said he was retired. In another development linked to the upstate meeting, Sgt. Edgar Creswell of the state police, who had supervised the raid, was questioned for three hours here yesterday by the joint legislative watchdog committee.

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Robert F. Kennedy, Chief Counsel of the captioned Committee, requested we furnish any available identification records on the individuals noted below who may be involved in testimony before the Committee during the current hearings. Identification records which may be identical with the individuals were furnished as follows:

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Copies of these identification records were furnished to Mr. Kennedy in accordance with his request. 100-103771 ✓

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In addition identification records were also furnished on [REDACTED] who may be identical with persons of same names about whom Committee inquired.

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~~ALBERT ANASTASIA~~ -

Albert Anastasia, also known as Umberto ~~Anastasio~~ (true name), R. Alberto ~~Anastasio~~, Alfonso Joseph ~~Anastasio~~, Albert ~~Anastasio~~, Albert ~~Bornesi~~, Albert ~~Bargnesi~~, and Albert ~~Barnese~~, was born September 26, 1902, in Tropea, Calabria, Italy. b7c

Albert and [REDACTED] worked as deck hands on tramp steamers. At different dates they jumped ship in the United States and merged into the gangs along the New York water front. Albert Anastasia entered the United States by this means on September 12, 1917. However, he was granted permanent residence in the United States on June 4, 1931, under the Registry Act of 1929.

In New York City in 1921 Albert Anastasia was convicted and sentenced to death for his participation in the murder of George Turello. After months in the death house, Anastasia won a retrial on a technical plea but before the retrial took place the three state witnesses against him were found slain. In April of 1922 the murder indictment against Anastasia was dismissed.

In 1923 Albert Anastasia was convicted in Brooklyn, New York, on a gun-carrying charge for which he served a two-year prison sentence.

In 1922, 1928, and 1932 Albert Anastasia was arrested in New York City in connection with three separate murders and was released on each occasion because of lack of evidence. In 1933 he stood trial in connection with the killing of a Brooklyn laundryman but the state's witnesses reportedly changed their stories and he was released again. Albert Anastasia was among the Brooklyn racketeers who had been connected in Brooklyn with Al Capone, notorious Chicago gangster.

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It was reported that during the 1930's Albert Anastasia rose to power on the Brooklyn water front. He became a pier superintendent and dominated six locals of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), American Federation of Labor (AFL). In this period he became an admitted friend of Joe Adonis, Willie Moretti, Vito Genovese, and "Little Augie" Pisano, all of whom were notorious New York hoodlums.

It was reported that with Adonis and Abe Reles, Albert Anastasia formed Murder, Incorporated, the racket syndicate which operated on a national scale and allegedly was responsible for the murder of 63 men. In connection with the kidnaping of Isidor Juffe in 1932 it was reported that Juffe recognized Albert Anastasia as one of his assailants but that Anastasia for some unknown reason was never prosecuted for this crime.

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It was alleged that one Morris Diamond, a Teamsters Union official, was shot to death in New York, New York, on the morning of May 25, 1939, shortly after he had left his home for work and that Albert Anastasia planned the killing.

In 1939 Peter Panto, a longshoreman who organized a rank-and-file revolt to rid the ILA of racketeers, was strangled and his body was found buried in a lime pit. In April of 1940 Abe Reles, an admitted member of Murder, Incorporated, reportedly confessed to his syndicate activities and informed on Albert Anastasia, involving him in the murder of Panto and approximately thirty additional murders, including the slaying of union official Morris Diamond. Reles allegedly admitted that he carried out numerous murders under Albert Anastasia's orders. Reles' testimony reportedly sent eight men to the electric chair and some fifty others to prison.

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It was stated that Albert Anastasia was accused of the murder of Morris Diamond, but the charge against him was dismissed when racketeer Abe Reles met with a mysterious death. Reles, while under protective custody, guarded by six policemen, plunged to his death from a fifth floor hotel room in a Coney Island hotel in November of 1941.

It was reported that Albert Anastasia entered the United States Army in 1942 and trained Army longshoremen at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, for a period of two years, after which he was discharged as overage.

From October 1 through October 22, 1945, there occurred a longshoremen's strike on the water front of New York City. This strike was reportedly started by [redacted] Local 791, ILA, who attempted to take the ILA from the AFL and turn it over to the Congress of Industrial Organizations. b7c

[redacted] Albert Anastasia and other New York hoodlums, Harry, Anthony Strolla, [redacted]

[redacted] reportedly considered the possibility of murdering [redacted] but later decided to threaten [redacted] with expulsion from the union unless the men reported back to work.

It was reported in September of 1946 that Joe Adonis, Albert Anastasia, and others were involved in smuggling gold into the United States.

It was reported in 1949 that [redacted] was believed to have assisted in engineering the shooting of [redacted] notorious California hoodlum, at the request of one Alberto Anastasia. b7c

It was reported in March, 1951, that a national crime syndicate controlled rackets in all major cities and this syndicate held "kangaroo courts," which often sentenced members to death when they stepped out of line. Albert Anastasia was named as one of the leaders of this syndicate.

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It was reported in May, 1951, that Albert Anastasia was associated with Frank Costello, Joe Adonis, [REDACTED], and Vincent Mangano. These men allegedly controlled the water front of Brooklyn, New York. b7c

It was reported in 1951 that it was believed that Albert Anastasia was involved in the smuggling of heroin from Italy.

It was reported in 1951 that Albert Anastasia testified before the Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce in the United States, during a hearing held in New York City.

In October, 1951, it was stated that the Frank Costello syndicate chose Albert Anastasia and William Moretti to act as emissaries for the purpose of paying off convicted bookmaker [REDACTED] to insure [REDACTED] silence in connection with the trial of eighteen New York policemen who were accused of being involved with [REDACTED] in bookmaking activities. Moretti allegedly handled the actual payment to [REDACTED] which was supposed to have been \$200,000, but, according to [REDACTED] was considerably less. b7c

As a result of the shortage, Moretti and Albert Anastasia were reportedly required to furnish an explanation to the syndicate. Albert Anastasia allegedly claimed he did not have any control over Moretti's actions inasmuch as he was not in on the actual payoff and although his story was reportedly not completely "bought," his life was spared. He was, however, said to have been banished from the syndicate. On October 4, 1951, William Moretti was reportedly shot down in a New Jersey restaurant, and it was rumored that Albert Anastasia was also marked for death. Moretti's death was attributed to his alleged double-cross in the [REDACTED] payoff. b7c

In 1952 it was alleged that Anthony Strollo and Albert Anastasia, notorious New York gangsters who controlled the New York - New Jersey water front, were responsible for the selection and election of [REDACTED] with Local 560, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT). It was stated that [REDACTED] with Local 560, b7c

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IBT, was a coveted post given to [REDACTED] for services rendered rather than for friendship alone, and that [REDACTED] would be under constant obligation to those who were responsible for his advancement. b7c

It was reported in March, 1953, that "Little Augie" Pisano and Albert Anastasia intended to take over the New York and Brooklyn water fronts and that if such an attempt was made it would cause a great deal of bloodshed as New York docks were controlled by [REDACTED]. It was stated that an agreement was reached whereby Anastasia and Pisano received control of the Brooklyn piers while [REDACTED] remained in New York. b7c

It was alleged that Joseph Parano was shot to death a number of years prior to 1954 by Albert Anastasia. At the time of the murder of Joseph Parano one of his sons was also slain.

It was reported in 1953 that Albert Anastasia was a partner of [REDACTED]. It was also reported that Anastasia was a contact of [REDACTED] well-known hoodlum. b7c

It was reported in September, 1953, that Albert Anastasia attended secret meetings at a hotel near Lake Tahoe, Nevada, which was also attended by leading criminal syndicate members and top union men of the country. b7c

It was reported in 1954 that [REDACTED] called a series of top hoodlum echelon meetings at the Rivera Hotel, in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. These meetings were reported to be in connection with labor and racket matters along the water fronts of the New York area. Albert Anastasia was alleged to have attended these meetings. b7c

In April of 1954 it was reported that Vincent Macri was slain and found in his own automobile trunk. Macri had been a bodyguard for Albert Anastasia and had been considered a potential witness against Anastasia in a then pending Federal income tax case. It was also stated that [REDACTED] a garment center figure, mysteriously disappeared on about the same date [REDACTED]. b7c

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It was stated that on or about March 17, 1954, Anthony Anastasia, Albert Anastasia, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] held a meeting for the purpose of obtaining an entree for [REDACTED] into the jukebox industry. b7c

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It was stated that at this meeting the Anastasia brothers were able to force [REDACTED] to take [REDACTED] into both the Automatic Coin Operators Association of Long Island and Local 1690 of the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL. [REDACTED]
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It was reported that in the Summer of 1954 a meeting was held by [REDACTED] and Albert Anastasia. This meeting was reportedly held in connection with the allegation that Italian gangsters had put a large amount of money into the garment industry as a cover for their illegal gains. [REDACTED] at that time was stated to be on a very high level in the crime syndicate and [REDACTED] the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. b7c

It was stated that in September of 1954 Albert Anastasia attended a three-day policy meeting which was also attended by Meyer Lansky, "Nig" Rosen, "Augie" Carfano, and hoodlums from Cleveland, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan. It was stated that gambling and racket splits were decided and a decision to purchase a race track located in Havana, Cuba, was made.

In October, 1954, Albert Anastasia was tried in Federal court in Florida on charges of evading income tax payments of over \$11,000 for the years 1947 and 1948. After five weeks of trial the jury failed to reach a verdict and a new trial was ordered.

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During Anastasia's income tax trial, the matter of his thirty-four-room, elaborate, steel-fence-enclosed home located in Fort Lee, New Jersey, which was in the name of Albert and Elsa Bargnesi was brought up. Anastasia reportedly admitted that Bargnesi was the maiden name of Anastasia's wife and that Albert and Elsa Bargnesi were in fact Albert and Elsa Anastasia. It was also reported that this home was valued at between \$75,000 and \$125,000 and was located in the vicinity of the home of gangster Joe Adonis.

It was stated that Albert Anastasia's 1948 income tax return contained only income which was listed as having been derived from Anastasia's share of profits of the Modern Dress Company, a Pennsylvania firm.

In December of 1954 it was stated that Albert Anastasia's main interest was in the water-front rackets in New Jersey and New York. During this period Anastasia was reported to be in daily contact with [REDACTED] b7c
a reputed New York gambler.

In January, 1955, it was alleged that Albert Anastasia, as one of the racketeers in the garment industry, may have been involved in a fraud perpetrated against Sears Roebuck and Company. It was alleged that some of Sears Roebuck and Company representatives were in collusion with garment racketeers and fixed prices against Sears in such a manner that Sears was duped out of approximately \$500,000.

In February, 1955, it was alleged that Albert Anastasia had been contacted by the syndicate regarding reported attempts to expand his influence on the New York water front through his brother, Anthony Anastasia. Albert Anastasia was reportedly told to stay away from the water front as much as possible to keep things quiet there.

In May of 1955 it was rumored that Albert Anastasia was a financial backer for the M and R Transportation Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts, [REDACTED] and had been on a shaky financial footing. b7c

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As a result of adverse publicity caused by [REDACTED] and the murder of Macri, Albert Anastasia reportedly was able to shift the second trial on tax charges to Camden, New Jersey. In May of 1955 Anastasia entered a guilty plea to two counts of income tax evasion and in June of 1955 was sentenced to one year in prison. It was rumored that Anastasia had been instructed to plead guilty by other hoodlums who feared an investigation into the garment industry and more adverse publicity if Anastasia won an acquittal, inasmuch as Anastasia was suspected of having caused the murders of potential witnesses in the tax case. b7c

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In September of 1955 the United States Court of Appeals ruled that the Federal District Court had been in error when in 1954 it stripped Albert Anastasia of his citizenship. Later, the Supreme Court of the United States refused to review the Government's unsuccessful attempt to cancel the citizenship of Albert Anastasia.

In October 1955, it was stated that [REDACTED] of the International Longshoremen's Association, was Anastasia's "boy" and was "fronting" for Anastasia on the North and East River water front. It was stated [REDACTED] had been closely associated with Albert Anastasia for many years and was formerly [REDACTED] which had b7c

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been allegedly owned and operated by Albert Anastasia in New Jersey during World War II. It was alleged that this company had cheated the United States Government out of millions of dollars.

In January, 1956, there were rumors that in the garment area of New York associates of Anastasia's were attempting to force truck drivers operating in that area to pay fees to deliver goods. It was reported that when Albert Anastasia was released from prison he intended to extend his control of the garment area in New York.

On March 28, 1956, Albert Anastasia was stated to have been released from the Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Michigan, where he served his prison sentence.

It was reported in April, 1956, that Umberto or Albert Anastasia had been refused entry into Italy. No information was available as to any plan by Anastasia to travel to Italy.

In May of 1956 it was stated that the Nassau, New York, taxpayers had been forced to support a garbage collection racket bossed by the New York underworld. Named as principals in the racket were Vincent J. Squillante and [REDACTED], "frontmen" for Albert Anastasia. It was further stated that Vincent J. Squillante, the labor relations counselor for Greater New York Cartmen's Association, was the godson of Albert Anastasia. b7c

In November of 1956 it was stated that Albert Anastasia's brother, Tony Anastasia, was slated to be killed shortly after the International Longshoremen's Association signed a new contract with the New York Shipping Association. At that time there was no information as to who the killers would be or when the killing would take place, but it was stated that permission had been granted to eliminate Anastasia by high figures in the New York underworld.

In January, 1957, it was believed that the criminal element in New York City did not want to associate with Albert Anastasia because they felt that they might receive some notoriety in the newspapers if they were seen in his company.

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It was reported in June, 1957, that a meeting of top hoodlums from the United States was held with "Lucky" Luciano and Joe Adonis in Italy in May, 1957; that this meeting had been for the purpose of deciding the fate of Frank Scalise, New York hoodlum, who was later murdered in the Bronx, New York, in June, 1957. It was further reported that Albert Anastasia, who controlled the construction industry and related unions in New York, was an associate of Frank Scalise and was the individual who wanted Scalise disposed of. It was further alleged that Scalise probably defied the Anastasia group or failed to contribute a proper share of his proceeds to them. b7c

In September, 1956, it was reported that Albert Anastasia owned fifty per cent of the Madison Dress Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, [REDACTED] and that Anastasia had had an interest in that firm since 1948.

In July, 1957, it was alleged, but not substantiated, that Albert Anastasia held an interest in the Nuremberg Dress Company, Nuremberg, Pennsylvania.

Albert Anastasia was shot to death on October 25, 1957, by masked gunmen who fired point-blank at him as he sat in a barber chair in the Hotel Park Sheraton at Seventh Avenue and 55th Street, New York City.

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The Mafia—

Is It Real,

or a Fairy Tale?

Existence of Gang Brought Up
Again by Apalachin 'Convention'

(Editors note—From recent violence in the underworld come rumblings of a resurgence of gangland crime. What part the Mafia plays—if any—in the national crime picture is the subject of much debate. Here are the latest revelations on the shadowy "Black Hand" and its connection with the American underworld.)

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—Who rubbed out Al-
bert Anastasia? Who shot Frank Costello?

Is America on the brink of a gory crime war?
Who is No. 1 in the crime hierarchy? Who wants to be?
Is the Mafia ominously real? Or is it a storybook
land to catch the headlines?

These are problems occupying law enforcement
agencies while a disturbed public awaits the next move.

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Hint of a possible new development is found in the fact that a Sicilian-style killing in a hotel barber shop in midtown New York and the recent mysterious assassination of a Sicilian-style killing in Apalachin, N. J.

DOUBLE CHECK

Internal revenue agent's check and disbursement of the same tax returns of the 35 men who attended the Apalachin barbershop at a \$10000000. The Immigration and Naturalization Service wants to know more. So does the Narcotics Bureau. The Parole Board. The New York State Liquor Authority. The Alcohol Tax Unit. The State Police. The Attorney General.

New racket grand juries are selected frequently.

For the first time since the statistics of Murder, Inc. flashed across the front pages, perturbed citizens are demanding answers. They want to know if a government - outside - the government is stealing pennies - and dollars - out of its pay envelope.

Crime is a shadowy substance. It's much easier to suspect than to prove. Most authorities believe it operates at a national level. Some think there is an organized international group. They call it "the mob," "the syndicate," "The Mafia," or any of a half dozen names.

SCOFFED AT MAFIA

For years many have scoffed at the existence of a powerful Mafia. They tell you the old Sicilian-based society was wiped out by Benito Mussolini years ago. It was a popular American myth, they say, that died with earlier generations and never was an important crime factor in this nation.

As for the Mafia in international crime, many believe it is only a bogey man. They say the real leadership rests in the Unione Siciliano, a multi-national confederation. Others insist the Mafia, the old Neapolitan Camorra and the Unione are interchangeable parts of the same organization, even the authorities disagree.

Italian police reject the idea of any ties between the island off the toe of Italy's boot, and America. They say there never had been any evidence linking Italian-American "Republiques" - who now total around 800 - to Sicily's secret Mafia. They do not believe Mafia plays any role in U. S. underworld operations.

The Mafia, once known in the United States as the Black Hand, is a Sicilian protective and business organization - at home called "the honorable society" -

CENTURIES OLD

It has existed centuries ago as a secret underground to protect Sicilians against their foreign oppressors. At least 2500 years ago, the Mafia became virtually a state within a state, smothering its own law for the benefit of those under its protection.

Mafia still wields tremendous power among Sicilians, many of whom still view Rome as a foreign government. It will see to it that a member's stolen property is returned. The lost dog is found, that his business is not molested. In short it looks after its own.

However, these "protective" functions often lead to extortion,

blackmail, murder, ransom and terror.

Mafia still collects "taxes" to finance its "benefits" in Sicily. Its driving force is the vendetta, or revenge against those who seek the protection. It can breach its prison to avenge a betrayer. It can see that farms prosper - or don't.

NEVER HEARD OF MAFIA

When Jacob Magana, described by Sen. Estes Kefauver as a notorious Los Angeles police character, testified before the Senate crime investigation committee in 1960-61, he said he never had heard of the Mafia although he was born in Sicily.

Another witness, Philip D'Andrea, said he had been president of a group known as the Italo-American National Union which he called a Mutual Benefit Insurance Organization.

Kefauver, however, refused to go along with those who sneer at the Mafia. He saw it in a most sinister light.

The senator reached the conclusion that Mafia was "ominously real" - a shadowy international organization that lurks behind much of America's organized criminal activity. It has scarred the face of America with almost every conceivable type of criminal violence including murder, traffic in narcotics, smuggling, extortion, white slavery, kidnaping and labor racketeering.

These facts are not new. They have been known for centuries. But the Mafia has become a more potent force in the United States today. It is a society, specifically organized for the purpose of smuggling narcotics and committing other crimes. W. Lee Spear, field supervisor in charge of enforcement of the Narcotics Bureau in Washington, has similar views. Asked if he thought the narcotics racket was linked with the killing of Albert Anastasia, Spear replied that Anastasia was the executioner of Murder, Inc. and Murder, Inc. was tied in with narcotics. Listing a half dozen "big shots" in the bureau's file of suspected narcotics traffickers, Spear commented after each name, "the Mafia."

But the FBI doesn't seem to see eye to eye with the Narcotics Bureau on the Mafia situation.

FBI DISAGREES

An FBI source in Washington says 30 or 40 years ago there was some basis for talk of Mafia terror on a local scale. He dismisses tales of an international network are nothing more than a nice storybook phrase.

Debatable though the Mafia seems to be, everybody has a pet theory about the Costello shooting, the Anastasia murder and the affair at Apalachin.

Costello, often described as the No. 1 man of the syndicate, has been in the cat of hell and dog world of contempt and income tax evasion convictions in recent years after living a charmed life for decades.

Right now he is in trouble

FBI Sure?



**Frank Costello
To Oust His Throne?**

with the income tax and immigration people. At 44, he generally is pictured in semi-retirement, about ready to hand over the reins to a new No. 1.

His scalp was creased with a .45-caliber slug on May 2, in an awkward attempt to kill him. In his pocket was found a slip of paper on which had been written figures corresponding exactly to the take of a Las Vegas gambling casino.

Was Costello shot because he was talking too much? Or was he in the way of a younger element, seeking to take charge?

NOT AT APALACHIN

At the recent Apalachin meeting Costello was among the missing. It has been suggested that he was snubbed. However, since he is under constant watch by the police his presence would have been a sure tipoff.

Police have no clue to the Costello shooting, although they did pick up a man for questioning. The attempt on Costello's life was amateurish compared with the professional killing of Anastasia in October.

The man who allegedly had a hand in 83 killings as the reputed "lord high executioner" of Murder, Inc., had no hint of this end. He walked into the barber shop of a New York hotel and calmly took a seat. Two masked men walked in, pumped him shots into him and fled.

Anastasia, 38, was said to be a member of the 60 group which must go if a stronger element takes over. He was reportedly a "boss" in the Mafia and a "boss" in the underworld. He was said to be the man who had the "boss" in the underworld.

Another recent talk with government agents and his "boss" appearance before the Senate Rackets Committee about his alleged influence in the garment and trucking industries. Somebody might have wanted to get him out of the way before he talked.

Stephen Kennedy, New York City police commissioner, recently said there was nobody more important than Anastasia in Mafia.

THEORIES ON APALACHIN

The "why" of the Apalachin convention is even more debatable.

Some of the theories advanced say it occurred:

1. To set up Anastasia's empire.
2. To stamp out a revolt of the youthful element.
3. To consider the effects of the Senate investigations.
4. To elect a new No. 1 of the Mafia.
5. To handle Mabberrmouths who were talking too much.
6. To execute — or spirit away — Anastasia's killers.

The men who were grabbed for questioning by Sgt. Edgar Crosswell of the New York State Police claimed they were visiting a sick friend — Joseph Barbara, a beer and soft drink distributor of Linderoft, N. Y. Barbara's book and papers have been seized by the State Liquor Authority.

As one New York police official said, "you can be sure the characters at Apalachin weren't meeting to start a new Red Cross chapter."

Police called Vito Genovese of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., the "big catch." However none was held because Sgt. Crosswell admitted "we had nothing on them."

Genovese, once called "king

of the Mafia," was said to be a member of the 60 group which must go if a stronger element takes over. He was reportedly a "boss" in the Mafia and a "boss" in the underworld. He was said to be the man who had the "boss" in the underworld.

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OWNS MEDICAL SUPPLY

At various times, Luciano has operated a haberdashery and an electrical store. He still runs a medical supply shop in Naples.



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Top hoodlums in the Philadelphia Division engaged in various types of criminal activities, with largest number in some form of gambling. Numerous types of legitimate activities reported, with largest number in these industry and miscellaneous manufacturing. No indication of organization of criminal activities except locally held groups in Philadelphia known as Dresser Gang and Jewish Mob. Dresser industry in Pittston area has ties with New York racketeers.

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Gamblers Find Cuban Paradise

By Edwin A. Lahey
Associated Press Service
HAVANA, Jan. 8.—Presi-
dent Fulgencio Batista of
Cuba and the leaders of the
gambling underworld in New
York, Chicago and Las Vegas
have merged their souls in the
most fantastic "marriage of
convenience" in modern
times.
Out of this alliance a new
Las Vegas is rising on the
Havana skyline. It is a glit-
tering and glamorous project.

One can barely detect the
dark visages of gang lords and
crooked politicians who make
a caper like this workable.
But already one first-rate
gangland assassination (that
of Al Anastasia of New York,
who went to his maker direct-
ly from a barber's chair) has
been attributed to the under-
world hunger for these new
gambling harvests in Cuba.
The gambling was legalized
by a decree of the Batista
Cabinet. But a grifter loaded

to the eyeballs with marijua-
na fumes could hardly dream
up a deal as juicy as the one
Batista has set up for the
gambling underworld of the
United States.

The gamblers here enjoy a
tax-free paradise, and are lit-
erally treated as privileged
lords. The leased casinos in
which they operate are in
some instances built with the
aid of the retirement trust
funds of the Cuban Trade
Union, which Batista controls.

The only "legal" fees im-
posed upon the gamblers is
an initial payment of \$25,000
for a permit, and subsequent
payments of \$2000 a month.

These contributions go to
two favorite charities of
Marta Batista, the wife of the
Cuban President.

The Cuban gambling is
ostensibly honest. But in the
past the U. S. State Depart-
ment has protested secretly
to the Batista Government
that American suckers were
being clipped in Havana, in
violation of the good-neighbor
policy.

Labeled Technicians
Upon entering the
gambling utopia, the
enterprisers apparently took
up to the fact that a friendly
working relationship with
Cuban politicians was to be
sought after assiduously.
As a result of this anti-
vened policy, a Cuban Senator
named Eduardo Suarez Rivas,
member of a "housebroken"
opposition party in the Bat-
ista setup, became Secretary of
the corporation that operates
the new and sumptuous El
Cera Hotel and Casino.
Rivas is the brother of Juan
Suarez Rivas, Minister of La-
bor in the Batista Cabinet.
The Minister of Labor is-
sues "technician" certificates
to Americans who wish to re-
main in Cuba as employees of
officials of the new gambling
palaces.

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Even George Raft, the famous movie star, who is floor manager and part owner of the casino in the Capri Hotel, explains with a chuckle that he has been certified by the Ministry of Labor as a "technician."

The invasion of Cuba by the United States underworld is dominated now by the "high class" gamblers, such as Wilbur Clark, who leases the Casino at the Hotel Nacional, and Eddie Levinson, the Casino operator at the new Hotel Riviera. Both are prominent in the Las Vegas gaming industry.

Others here include the notorious Lansky brothers, who in the past have been the front men for the gangsters in control of gambling in New Jersey and South Florida.

Seepage of Dregs

Jake Lansky is one of the "pit bosses" in Wilbur Clark's operation at the Nacional. Meyer Lansky has an unspecified interest in the Riviera Casino.

Other Americans include Thomas Jefferson McGinty, Sam Tucker and Joe Bischoff, alias Lefty Clark.

They helped make gambling history as the old "Ohio mob," which was broken up by former Gov. Frank Lausche and dispersed to other gambling centers like Covington, Ky., and Las Vegas.

There is already a seepage into Havana of some of the more unsavory characters from the United States underworld.

A preliminary count reveals the presence of Santos Trafficante Jr., a hereditary member of the Tampa underworld, and of "Charley the Blade" Tourine, a member of the New Jersey mob.

Trafficante was arrested as "Louis Santos" at the "crime convention" in Apalachin, N. Y., last November. Trafficante, or Santos, is the principal partner in the oper-



SANTOS TRAFFICANTE
... in gambling setup

ation of the Sans Souci, one of Havana's old established nightclubs and gambling joints. Tourine has a long criminal record, and registered as a felon in Miami Beach in 1937.

[Trafficante, one of two gamblers whom New York District Attorney Frank S. Hogan wants to question in the slaying of Albert Anastasia, said tonight he would voluntarily testify in any investigation, United Press reported.]

"I don't know what this is all about," he said. "I am not hiding from anyone."

[Hogan had ordered a Nation-wide search for Trafficante and Joseph (Joe Rivers) Silesi, who also is a resident of Havana.]

The American hotel operators who are making big investments here, with the inducement of "matching funds" from the Batista government, have shown great care in picking the men to whom they lease their casinos.

Informed sources believed that the Hilton executives wanted to make doubly sure that no dubious characters would be connected with the gaming enterprise that will bear the Hilton name.

Men for Cuba Cash Doomed Anastasia

Warning
By Lansky
Ignored

By PAUL MESSIL,

World-Telegram Staff Writer

Albert Anastasia was executed because he was trying to take over the Cuban gambling empire ruled by his old boss, crime czar Meyer Lansky, investigators reported today.

A few days before gang bullets riddled Anastasia in a barber chair at the Park-Sheraton Hotel Oct. 25, he was warned to stay out of Cuba, where Lansky heads a multi-million-dollar gambling combine. But Big Albert ignored the warning and was promptly slain.

Gamblers Santo Trafficante and Joseph (Joe Rivers) Silesi, sought by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan for questioning about the Anastasia rubout, both are members of the Lansky organization. Investigators believe one or both of these gamblers attended the meeting at which Anastasia's death warning was delivered, less than a week before the killing.

Conspicuous Absence.

The meeting, attended by a half-dozen American and Cuban hoods, was held in a W. 49th St. hotel, in a suite rented by Anastasia's bodyguard-chauffeur, Tony Coppola, who was conspicuously absent when his boss was shot out of the barber chair.

Lansky was in town at the time, but it is not known if he actually attended the conference. He took a plane back to Havana two days before the murder.

Investigators recalled another gangland murder that followed a mob meeting called by Lansky.

John (Cockeye) Dunn, a waterfront thug, and other New York goons conferred with Lansky in Florida early in 1947. A few days after the meeting, Dunn and two other



United Press Photo.

MEYER LANSKY.

gunmen killed Anthony Hintz, hiring stevedore who dared oppose mob rule of the docks. When Dunn went to the electric chair in 1949, Lansky was attending still another gang pow-wow in sunny Italy.

Police learned that Anastasia was hungry for some of the fast money flowing across Cuba's many gambling tables. He reportedly was trying to muscle in on some of the new hotel casinos there. But, he should have known better than to cross his old crime tutor—for small, silent, able-

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...Meyer Lansky is still the brightest boy in the syndicate," as the late Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine described him years ago.

Lansky Rates High.

Mr. Valentine also listed Lansky among the nation's 10 top public enemies and Sen. Estes Kefauver's crime investigation committee later identified him as a director of Murder Inc., the killer gang headed by Anastasia as chief executioner.

Now 53, Lansky came to New York from Russia in 1911 and joined the Owney Madden bootleg gang about 13 years later. Then he and Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel formed the "Bug and Meyer mob" which expanded rapidly from New York to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

While Anastasia was still a smalltime punk and strong-

arm goon, Lansky already was known to police as one of the "Big Six" of Eastern mobdom. The others were Siegel, Jacob (Currah), Shapiro, Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, Charles (Lucky) Luciano and Joe Adonis. After the murder of Arthur (Dutch) Schultz, Fliegenheimer, they were bosses of all big rackets from New York to Chicago.

Only One Remains.

Lansky is the only one still around. Siegel was gunned to death in California. Buchalter died in the electric chair. Luciano and Adonis are back in their native Italy, where Lansky visited Lucky in 1949. Shapiro died in Sing Sing of a coronary thrombosis.

Crime files reveal Lansky as one of the biggest mobsters ever to operate in the United States. With Siegel, he bossed West Coast gambling for many years. With Frank Costello and Frank Erickson, he ran gambling houses in upstate New York, New Jersey, Florida, New Orleans and Las Vegas. With Buchalter, he directed operations of Murder Inc.

He even worked with the murderous Fishchetti brothers in Chicago rackets. Senate investigators concluded that Lansky, in conjunction with Costello and Adonis, formed the nationwide crime syndicate and controlled all its East Coast activities.

Three-Month Stretch.

But despite more than 30 years as a rackets rajah, Lansky served only one small jail term—a three-month stretch in Saratoga County Jail in 1953 for gambling operations at Saratoga Springs. He spent much of his cell time reading the Bible and a dictionary.

As soon as he got out, he started looking for new fields to conquer and picked Havana as the greenest pasture of all—the lush shade of green peculiar to tourist dollars.

No American gambler, gangster or racketeer now can work in Havana without Lansky's OK. The master mobster is on the casino payroll of the new \$4 million Hotel Riviera and his brother Jack is a casino boss at Havana's Hotel Nacional.

...Lansky seldom has been seen in public. His friends report he is ill. But his two underworlding, Trafficante and Riccio, are to be seen every night at the Sans Souci, which Trafficante operates, and other busy casinos despite a 48-state alarm issued by DA Hogan for their arrest.

"They know we want them as witnesses," Mr. Hogan said yesterday. "If they are in Cuba, they are outside our jurisdiction."

Trafficante, 42, originally from Tampa, told reporters last night, "I'll be glad to talk to Mr. Hogan the next time I'm in New York."

Pained, Not Angered.

He said he was "more pained than angered" by Mr. Hogan's nationwide alarm, sent out by the New York Police Department.

"I'm not hiding from anyone," he said. "This is bad publicity for my business, which is gambling. Gambling is legal here."

Trafficante said he does not remember specifically if he was in New York the day Anastasia was shot. "I could have been there then," he said, "or just before or just after the killing. I travel back and forth all the time."

No Name Switch.

Mr. Hogan said Trafficante uses the alias of Louis Santos and was picked up under that name at the convention of 60 Mafia mobsters at Apalachin, N. Y., in November. Trafficante denied using that alias or attending the mob meeting. "My name is Santo Trafficante and it's never been anything else," he said.

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Twenty individuals considered top hoodlums by Pittsburgh Division listed with brief background and thumbnail of hoodlum activity. Criminal activities of the various top hoodlums encompass such things as murder, prostitution, illicit alcohol, income tax evasion, narcotics, illegal union activities, corruption of politics, gambling and 11/14/57 meeting, Apalachin, New York. Comments on organized crime (Mafia) set forth. Legitimate enterprises of top hoodlums include such businesses as auto agency, bar and restaurant, car washes, coin-operated vending and amusement machines, a construction company, a cement block manufacturing company, automatic hand dryer distributorship, manufacturer's agent, a scrapyard, an iron and steel company, a motel, a trailer park, property held for business and development purposes, and an outdoor theatre.

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'Executions' Also An Inflation Victim

For a year, the Federal pen at Milan, Mich., had the services of the wealthiest pants presser in the business. He was better known, though, for putting creases in skulls than in trousers. His name was Albert Anastasia.

Some years later, Albert, the Executioner, was introduced to a highly reputable lady in the bar of a fashionable Park Ave. hotel. She gasped: "But you're the president of Murder, Inc!" He protested that he was just a businessman—and he had the businessman's usual complaint about inflation. The lady said, "You're sore about rising prices?"

"OF COURSE," he retorted. "Look, lady, when I was a kid of 18 or 19 I was in the dead(h) house. I wanna get out. A relative got five hundred bucks. He finds me a lawyer. I get out and the mouthpiece, he gets me off with a nolly prosse, whatever dat is. A couple years ago, I get into tax trouble. I try to find a lawyer. I ask all the blue bloods. All of 'em say no."

"One lawyer, he asks me if I got a record. I leave. Finally I get out. He costs me \$40,000. So I go out of the dead(h) house a long time ago. It costs me five C notes. Now it costs me 50 Gs to do a year in a nice prison like Milan. THAT'S INFLATION, lady."

This won't help solve the mystery of the barbershop quart. It's just a cultural note now that Anastasia's name is back in the papers.

IF YOU LISTEN to the labor men who double as political powers, you'll hear that few of the main players in the working campaign drama are center stage

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now. They're all in the wings—and one of them, according to the sources, is U. S. Sen. Jack Javits.

He may suddenly take the Republican nomination for Governor against Averill Harriman. Sen. Javits has nothing to lose. He doesn't have to resign his Senate seat to run. If he loses, he goes right on in Washington. If he wins, he names his own successor to the U. S. Senate. The Governor has that power. And he would pack in strength for the GOP Senatorial candidate—probably Sen. Ives—for re-election.

RECENTLY, Dave Sullivan's Building Service Employees Union, Local 32B, signed a contract with the owners of commercial buildings which gives an elevator operator his birthday as a paid holiday. This makes it 10 paid holidays and everybody cheered but a handful of men. Their birthdays come but once every four years—on Feb. 29. The legal Solomons got together and solved that one fast. For the record, they ruled that every elevator operator born on Leap Year was really born on Mar. 1. Along everybody's happy.

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Order to Deport Parisi Is Upheld

Jack Parisi, described by the Justice Department as a racketeer, lost a legal round yesterday in his fight against being deported to his native Italy.

District Court Judge Joseph R. Jackson dismissed the complaint that Parisi did not receive a fair hearing before an Immigration Service officer and that confidential information was used against him. Parisi's attorney, Jack Wasserman, said he will appeal.

Former Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. called Parisi a racketeer and a close associate of Albert Anastasia, shot to death in a New York barber shop several months ago and Joe Adonis who fled to Italy to avoid a prison term for perjury. The Parisi's deportation order was based on a 1920 narcotics conviction.

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Federal Forces Plan Intensive Drive Against Rackets

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Justice Dept. and T-Men To Dig Deep in Underworld

By EDWIN A. LAHEY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (CDN) The Federal Government will launch a new and intensive drive against organized criminals in the near future.



have been discussing the campaign as a joint venture.

The powers of the Treasury Department to examine tax returns will be linked with the

prosecuting powers of the Justice Department in the project.

Events in two different areas have suggested that the underworld is overdue for a thoroughgoing investigation of the kind for which only Federal agencies are equipped.

The revelations of the McClellan Committee of the Senate have offered a fruitful field for investigators in labor and business racketeering.

"We want to get a long range view of this problem," says Atty. Gen. Rogers. "It is apparent that organized criminals have used ostensibly legitimate business as a front for their activities, and in some areas have

won control of certain labor unions."

The now famous "criminal convention" which was raided by state police at Apalachin, N.Y., last October, also helped spur the forthcoming Federal investigation.

The news of the Apalachin gathering of underworld characters was followed by revelations that U.S. gambling racketeers had moved in force into Havana, to turn that Cuban capital into another Las Vegas.

Albert Anastasia, the New York gangster, was killed in November, ostensibly because of his own plans to move in on the Havana gambling picture.

Plans for the actual operation of the Federal investigation of crime syndicates are still nebulous. It has been suggested, however, that a central unit of the project would be set up in Chicago.

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THE VICTOR RIESEL COLUMN

By Victor Riesel

For most of the past fortnight, Senate crime buster Bob Kennedy has been flying in and out of Chicago and western New York cities where he's operated with the skillful secrecy of an OSS agent behind enemy lines. For Bob Kennedy these swift hedge-hops were trips behind the lines of an enemy he and Sen. John McClellan first tackled -- the Mafia network which was corrupting one government agency when the Senate counter-assault was first launched late in 1955.

Typical of Kennedy's operation these past weeks was his visit to the Buffalo-Niagara area, in which there is a powerful Mafia outpost. He arrived with a colleague Thursday night. He sped to the Hotel Statler. No one knew whom he saw or talked to or what records he examined. Friday night, out he flew, saying only that he had some files.

All through the weekend, Buffalo labor leaders telephoned each other trying to track Kennedy's activities. They figured he had looked into at least one local of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union. But they had no evidence of anything.

Kennedy is working this probe quietly and personally because this is the most powerful combine he has yet hit -- and is the final exposure before he takes a leave of absence from the Senate Select Committee to help direct his brother John's re-election campaign in Massachusetts.

There's a Quixotic twist to this showdown. In a sense Kennedy is back to what first surprised him and Sen. McClellan when they turned to their new probe almost three years ago.

At that time they had heard of big time bribery in the military procurement agencies. Wherever they turned, they ran into the Mafia. They found that millions of dollars had passed hands so racket manufacturers and truckers could get government contracts for uniforms.

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One of the names was the late Marco ~~Reginelli~~, one of the top Philadelphia-New Jersey hoods. From him and others the trail always led to Albert ~~Anastasia~~, Johnny ~~Dio~~ and a string of others in the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania mob with direct ties to the men who were to become delegates to the Mafia crime convention on Nov. 14, 1957.

Though that McLellan-Kennedy probe, then operating under the aegis of the Government Operations Committee, never did get the dramatic coverage of the Select Committee, it got results.

The Pentagon shook up its Quartermasters Division. Two Generals were moved in to do that job. Secretary of Labor James ~~Mitchell~~ talked to the military and they set up a "Citizens Advisory Committee" for the Generals to consult on just who would be permitted to bid on hundreds of millions of dollars in future contracts.

This committee has been functioning for some six or eight months. On it are the ~~International Ladies Garment Workers Union~~ leader, David ~~Dubinsky~~, the ~~Amalgamated~~ ~~Clothing Workers Union~~ chief, Jack ~~Potofsky~~, and officials of the legitimate garment manufacturers' associations.

It was from the original handful of men in the Anastasia group that Kennedy found lines leading out into the Teamsters and then into some other unions he has exposed.

These leads ran through trade associations which used mobsters to terrorize unions and vice versa. In some instances both the union and the so-called business group were controlled by the same mobs. There can be no estimate on the business they control because it could run up towards the billion dollar figure and who would believe it if you told them.

Just so you have some measure, there is the report that only part of the military uniform contracts in the early 1950's ran up to \$180,000,000 -- and only five percent went to legitimate garment manufacturers.

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Anastasia Killing Tagged to Mafia

By Frank Coleman and Paul Healy

Washington, June 30 (NEWS Bureau).—A federal narcotics agent today testified before Senate racketeers probes that the Narcotics Bureau believes Albert Anastasia was murdered by the Mafia, the super secret Italian underworld society.

Agent Martin Pera disclosed the Mafia's tribal discipline and customs, as learned by undercover agents of the Narcotics Bureau, after the committee ordered TV, movie and still cameras not to photograph him.

As the probes opened their long-awaited hearings on Mafia and gangster infiltration of labor unions and industry, they also heard Sgt. Edgar Croswell of the New York state police tell how he raided the national congress of top hoodlums near Apalachin, N.Y., last Nov. 14.

Pera said some of the delegates

at Apalachin were members of the Mafia, which he said is ruled by a flexible "grand council" of 10 or 12 men.

Pera also made these points:

"Anastasia had a prominent position in that organization (the Mafia) and the manner in which he died—and indications he had slipped before that time—would lead us to believe it was a Mafia operation."

(The former executioner Murder, Inc., was slain last Oct. 25 in a barber's chair in

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Manhattan before the Apalachin meeting).

2. Members of the Mafia "have made a concentrated move in the direction" of labor-management relations in the U. S.

Step Into Labor Picture

3. Persons engaged in running dope into the U. S. from the Middle East and other places also are prominent in labor-management relations.

Pera, in answer to questions, said "unquestionably there must have been some discussion" of the dividing up of Anastasia's underworld empire at Apalachin.

He laid great stress on a smaller and more exclusive meeting of bigtime hoodlums at the Arlington Hotel, Binghamton, N. Y., in 1956—Which Sgt. Crosswell said set the stage for the Apalachin congress.

Barbara Attended

This huddle was attended by Joseph Barbara Sr., who played host to the larger congress at his Apalachin estate; Joseph Bonanno (Joe Bonanno), of New York City, once arrested for transporting guns to Al Capone; Anthony F. (Gov.) Guarneri, of Johnson City, N. Y., and several others.

Pera said the 1956 parley was "significant" because some delegates were "powerful members" of the organization. He could not say definitely that any of them were members of the Mafia grand council.

Pera said that on the basis of what he has learned from narcotics agents infiltrating the Mafia, he believes there is no single Mafia leader in the U. S. Each leader is autonomous to the degree that he is responsible for his territory, he explained. Below the leaders' grand council are "group chiefs," in charge of

smaller localities. Pera continued, and under them are the "bottom men."

Honored Members

"Bottom men" he described as those who appeal to the leaders because they have carried out some difficult task, such as murder, and thereby rank above ordinary members.

Pera emphasized that the Mafia has continued to rely on interlocking family relationships through blood and marriage, just as it did when it was organized in Sicily.

Pera suggested that the Mafia inbreeding leads to forced marriages. "You often wonder if they want to get married," he said.

He pointed out that "a man who is a Mafia leader doesn't want his daughter to marry a nobody."

Retells Apalachin Story

Sgt. Crosswell, a member of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation, retold the story of how the delegates to the hoodlum congress tried to slip into Barbara's estate unnoticed and how he and his colleagues surprised them and nabbed 62 in all.

Crosswell described them as "a real bunch of unsavory characters dressed in typical George Raft style, with silk suits, highly-polished pointed-toe shoes, white-on-white shirts and large hats."

Uncovering of Mafia Aim of Senate Probers

By FRED W. PERKINS
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

How organized crime has
sneaked into organized
book, and business too, is
the picture the Senate Rack-
ets Investigating Committee
is starting to complete.

The committee heretofore
has produced evidence of
scattered instances of thugs
and hoodlums operating in
the labor-management field.
Now it is ready to show that
the few cases were merely
symptoms of widespread and
systematic operations.

The Mafia — sometimes
known as the "black hand"
and also the Unione Siciliana
— will figure importantly in
these disclosures. It will be
charged that immigrants
from Sicily adapted to this
country the mysterious and
violent methods of their an-
cient secret society. Some of
the leaders are known to have
made millions in bootlegging
during the prohibition era,
and since in the narcotic
trade.

The murder in a New York

barbershop last fall of Albert
Anastasia — known as the
"Lord High Executioner of
Murder, Inc." — will figure
in the public hearings that
started yesterday.

So will the shooting of
Frank Costello, and so will
the "gangsters' convention"
last fall on the estate near
Apalachin, N. Y. of Joseph
Barbara, long reputed to be
a big shot in the Mafia. Even
Al Capone will be mentioned.

Chairman John L. McClel-
lan (D., Ark.), said today he
believes that if any further
evidence is needed to justify
new labor legislation imme-
diately to "drive out the
crooks" it will be supplied by
the current hearings.

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Lucchese Talks At Mafia Probe

By Arnold Forster

THOMAS (Three-Finger Brown) Lucchese, a reputed Mafia boss, testified yesterday before the Senate labor-management investigation committee that he is a respectable dress contractor and not a member of the Mafia crime syndicate.

Committee Counsel Robert Kennedy said he was "almost a pleasure" to get this testimony from the small, swarthy witness, even though he couldn't remember the name of someone he was accused of slaying in 1928.

Lucchese, identified as a New York underworld figure, also invoked the protection of the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination when asked about certain friends reputed to be members of the dread Mafia blackhand.

He didn't mind telling the committee, however, that he didn't like the nickname "Three-Finger Brown," a detective stuck on him the first time he was arrested in 1928. He said he lost his right index finger in an ammunition plant in 1917.

The Italian-born witness politely thanked Kennedy for calling his testimony "a lot more information than we've gotten from many witnesses with similar underworld reputations."

First Witness to Talk

He was the first witness to tell anything at all about himself in the committee's investigation of gangster penetration of the labor-management field.

Other Developments

U. S. Narcotics Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger said in a statement that the Mafia was combining narcotics pushing with labor racketeering to make millions. "I don't know if these hoodlums," he said, "could add several hundred million to a list of 500 Mafia members in five Congresses and years ago."

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A parade of accused mobsters and hoodlums testifying in advance of Lucchese invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to tell much more than their names. They included Russell Bufalino, of Kingston, Pa.; James (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, of New York; Frank (Butcher) Workman, and Salvatore of St. Louis and Rocco (Boss) of New York.

James P. Sullivan, head of the Miami Crime Commission told of the wintertime migration of big-shot criminals from Cleveland, Detroit and other northern cities to the Florida gold coast. He said the Carib Hotel is their "major headquarters" with its barber shop as their communications post.

Long Distance Operation

Sullivan said one Miami Beach habitue, Jack Markey, runs himself outside the Carib Hotel barber shop while using the telephone there to run a big lottery racket in Detroit.

He further testified that Santapane, No. 1 racketeer in Tampa, Fla., stayed in a hotel room reserved by Albert Anastasia on the day that mobster was shot to death in a New York barber shop last October.

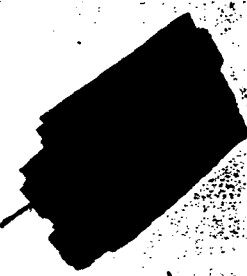
Trafficants showed up at the "underworld convention" in Apalachin, N. Y., the following month, Sullivan said.

Bufalino, described by Kennedy as "the arrangements chairman for that meeting, lined up nearly 500 Fifth Amendment pleas" included was Kennedy's question, "How can the record at Wilkes-Barre show you were born in this country when you were in fact born in Sicily?"

Bufalino is now facing racketeering charges. He was indicted in 1956 on charges of racketeering and conspiracy to violate federal laws. He was also indicted in 1957 on charges of racketeering and conspiracy to violate federal laws.

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